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LB Sustainability

Programs in Numbers Q1 2018

Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

140 Deliveries
4,474 since 2010
84.6 Tons
2,747 since 2010

Parkway Tree Planting:

63 trees planted
1,779 since 2011

Compost Pilot Program:

8.8 tons
263 since 2014

Edible Garden Food Donations

31.3 pounds
936 since 2011



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Long Beach Receives Green Leadership Award

On April 9th, at the 2018 Green California Summit in Sacramento, California, representatives from the City of Long Beach Fleet Services and Water Department accepted Green Technology's prestigious Green California Summit's Leadership Award in the "Sustainable Community" category. This award is presented to a city or community that has implemented community-wide sustainability projects and programs.

"It is truly an honor to receive the Green California Summit's Leadership Award," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "This is a measure of our success as a sustainable city, and in our growing economy, demonstrates that it is not only possible to make investments in litter abatement, water conservation, and greenhouse gas emission reductions, but it is also the smart thing to do for our businesses, community and Long Beach's future."

While Long Beach submitted three nomination forms for different categories, the Advisory Board for the Green California Summit deemed all three submissions excellent and bestowed an overall sustainability award to the City instead of three individual awards. The Green California Summit's Leadership Award recognizes the City of Long Beach for its "Can Your Butts" program, Certified Blue Restaurant (CBR) program, and Green Fleet program.

Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau's "Can Your Butts" program, which launched last year, tackles the issue of cigarette litter through prevention, partnerships and public education. Long Beach Water Department's Certified Blue Restaurant (CBR) program supports and recognizes outstanding Long Beach restaurants that achieve exceptional water efficiency in the community. Long Beach Fleet Services Bureau submitted its Green Fleet program, which prioritizes alternative fuel use, the incorporation of electric vehicles into the City fleet, and efficiency in existing vehicles.

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Commissioner Spotlight

Get to know the members of the Sustainable City Commission. Here is your representative for District 2.



Morgan Wheeler is a proud Dad, Husband and Son, whose family migrated to Long Beach over 100 years ago. He is a keeper of bees and chickens, and is a dedicated supporter of food security and urban agriculture. He heads up the Business Intelligence Department at Farmers & Merchants Bank and volunteers with Rancho Los Alamitos, The LB Nature Center, the Los Cerritos Wetlands, The National Park Service and across the CA Channel Islands. Morgan grew up in the Los Altos YMCA on Bellflower Blvd. and has been its Board Chairman for over six years. Go Long Beach!



Smart Homebuyer Workshops

The City of Long Beach Office of Sustainability is partnering with Green Education, Inc. to host two Smart Homebuyer Workshops in April to support homeowners and new homebuyers in making their homes healthy, comfortable, and environmentally friendly.

Energy efficiency upgrades don't just conserve energy, they also create a more comfortable living space with better indoor air quality for a healthier environment. These workshops will teach participants how they can take advantage of financing and incentive opportunities to increase their home's value, create a healthier living space, and reduce our city's greenhouse gas emissions. Register for a workshop at <http://bit.ly/SmartHomesLB>.

Expert presenter, Marcia Tolentino will cover multiple financing options, as well as rebates and incentives that can be combined with financing options to make upgrades even more affordable.

"A home that is healthy, comfortable, and energy efficient is attainable." Marcia said, "There are financial resources available to everyone, don't leave money on the table."

Workshops will take place on April 26th from 6:30 to 8:30pm and on April 28th from 9:00 to 11:00am at the Gas & Oil Auditorium.

Garden Workshops

Don't miss the upcoming Edible Garden Workshop! To RSVP or for ADA arrangements, contact Kelsey. Forster@longbeach.gov.

Monday May 7, 11am-12pm:
Plant Propagation

The Civic Center Edible Garden is located at the Civic Center Plaza at 333 W Ocean Blvd. enter the plaza from Ocean and go up the stairs through the first gate on the right.

EV Charger Giveaway

The City of Long Beach received a donation of electric vehicle chargers from Mercedes Benz. Residents who own or lease an EV may be eligible for a free charger.

Apply for your FREE EV charger online at
<http://bit.ly/EVgiveaway>

Recipients will be responsible for any and all related expenses, including City permit and inspection fees.

AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Sustainability Spotlight

The spotlight is on the Aquarium of the Pacific for their Climate Resilience Guides that make climate actions accessible to Long Beach residents.

In 2015, Mayor Robert Garcia asked the Aquarium to assess the primary threats facing Long Beach resulting from climate change. This led to the City of Long Beach Climate Resiliency Assessment Report, which identifies 5 main threats (drought, extreme heat, sea level rise and coastal flooding, deteriorating air quality, and public health and social vulnerability).

In collaboration with Tom Bowman of Bowman Change, Inc., the Aquarium decided a condensed version of the report would help get the word out to Long Beach residents about what's happening in their city and what they can do to contribute to a climate-resilient Long Beach. The quick start guides provide the key information with concrete actions to take to address the 5 main threats identified in the Resiliency Assessment. If you want to learn more about climate resilience and what you can do, these guides are a great place to start.

Find more information about these guides and download them online at: <http://bit.ly/2HdKydn> (link is case sensitive). You can also pick up copies at the Aquarium's Resiliency Booth, follow #ResilientLB for updates.

Our Team

Meet the Office of Sustainability's GIS Intern for the Spring term:



Tanja Pancic is currently working on the Vacant Lot Suitability Survey to support the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program. She has a Bachelor in Environmental Science with applied knowledge in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy. She is currently finishing her Master Specialization in City Making with an emphasis on Quality of Life and Sustainable Urban Development from Polytechnic University of Milan.

Tanja is passionate about Sustainability and believes that with engagement, awareness and dedication we can create and transform cities into beautiful eco-urban places where people feel good and have all their needs met in a sustainable manner.

Climate Central: Climate Action and Adaptation

Long Beach is developing its first ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), and we need your help! The Long Beach CAAP will be a plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepare the community for the impacts of climate change, improve the quality of life, and enhance economic vitality in Long Beach.



You're invited!

The first CAAP Public Open House will be Saturday, June 2nd 2018. Stop by between 10am-1pm at MLK Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.

More information can be found at lbs.info/climateactionlb

EARTH MONTH 2018

APRIL 6

Long Beach County Fair

6:30-9:30pm 4321 Atlantic Ave

Learn about local food at the Long Beach County Fair: food growing competition, food resources, and tastes from hot Long Beach chefs. Free and fun for the whole family!

APRIL 14

Rainwater Harvesting Class

9-11am Recreation Park

Free Rainwater Harvesting Class and rainbarrel pickup. Pre-order at www.rainbarrelsintl.com/events.asp

APRIL 19

CSULB Green Generation Mixer

4-7pm 1250 Bellflower Blvd

The 7th Annual Green Gen Mixer brings together student, faculty, staff, and Long Beach community sustainability leaders for a fun evening of mingling, music, and food at the beautiful Japanese Garden.

APRIL 26

Smart Homebuyer Workshop

For High Performing Healthy Homes

6:30-8:30pm 2400 E Spring St

Learn how to save money on utilities and make your new or current home healthy, comfortable, and environmentally friendly.

- Save \$\$\$ on your utility bills
- Increase your home's value
- Create a more comfortable home
- Reduce noise pollution

Register: bit.ly/SmartHomesLB

APRIL 8 + 15

Prisk Native Garden's

Open House

1-4pm Prisk Elementary School

This year promises to offer the flower lover another fine display of California wildflower glory in the ever-changing palette of the Prisk Native Garden.

Visit a Local Farmer's Market

- Green Acres Farmer's Market
9am-2pm Spring St & Clark Ave
- Southeast Farmer's Market
9am-2pm 6600 E Marina Drive

APRIL 20

CSULB State of the Environment

8:30am-4:30pm 1250 N Bellflower Blvd

The first annual SotE Conference at the iconic Walter Pyramid at CSULB! This free, day-long conference invites the public to engage in discussion about our current state of the environment, and our role in the future of sustainability.

APRIL 28

Smart Homebuyer Workshop

For High Performing Healthy Homes

9am-11am 2400 E Spring St

Your second chance to attend this workshop to save money and make your home sustainable.

I Dig Long Beach Tree Planting

9am-12pm 3151 Lomina Ave

Help build the urban forest in Long Beach with Help SoCo Grow. Tools and training provided.

SUNDAY APRIL 22

Happy Earth Day!

Earth Day at the Aquarium

9am-5pm Aquarium of the Pacific

Learn what you can do to help our ocean planet at the Aquarium's annual Earth Day Celebration. Visit booths from Earth-friendly organizations, and participate in hands-on learning demonstrations.

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Alamitos Beach Cleanup

10am-11am E Shoreline Drive & Alamitos
Keep Alamitos Beach clean and beautiful for everyone to enjoy!

Cleanups Events

- WESCA Cleanup
8am-12 Orizaba Park (14th & Orizaba)
- North Long Beach Cleanup
9-11am 6750 Gardenia Avenue
- Great LA River Cleanup - register online
9am-12pm 401 Golden Shore

Earth Day at the Growing Experience

1-4pm 750 E Via Carmelitos

Join us for Earth Day on the farm for a family-friendly event celebrating the environment and community.

